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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: D.T.E. 99-60**

Dear Secretary Cottrell

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (collectively "Company") respectfully request a waiver of the Department's requirement, set forth in D.T.E. 99-60-C, that the Company provide electronic notice of Default Service prices thirty days prior to their effective date.

The Company is required to file the results of its Default Service solicitations with the Department. D.T.E. 99-60-B at 22. The Department has five business days to review these results, and if the Department takes no action, the proposed retail rates are allowed to go into effect. D.T.E. 99-60-C at 8-9. The Company must then post the retail rates on its website thirty days prior to their effective date. D.T.E. 99-60-C at 7.

The Company's next Default Service period begins on May 1, 2004. Accordingly, on March 24, 2004, the Company filed the results of its most recent solicitation for Default Service and proposed retail rates for the Default Service pricing options resulting from the solicitation for the service period beginning May 1, 2004. In order to comply with the thirty day electronic notice requirement, the Company would have had to post the upcoming Default Service prices on its website April 1, 2004. On March 31, 2004, however, Hearing Officer Jeanne Voveris notified me by email that the Department required more time to review the Company's filing. The Department has not yet notified the Company that it has approved the proposed retail rates. Once the Department does act on the proposed retail rates, however, the Company will not be able to post them on its website thirty days prior to May 1, 2004. Thus, the Company requires a waiver of the thirty day notice requirement.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy G. Rabinowitz".

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